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A Message from the Executive Director:

Another year has passed, and as we close the book on 2010, it's a great time to reflect on the positive and define our goals for the new year. Here at ICJI, we already have a number of activities underway that are helping us do just that.

Activity on our victims' compensation database will significantly increase in the next few months. With the implementation of this program, ICJI looks to serve victims more effectively by: a) improving the efficiency of claims processing; b) enhancing data quality and usability; c) increasing the accuracy and timeliness of reporting; d) developing data gathering and sharing capabilities; e) providing the ability to conduct routine performance measures and auditing functions; and f) allowing for remote system and data access by external stakeholders such as victims' advocates and service providers.

To help streamline the grants management process for ICJI program managers, the E-grant database is also expected to be implemented in 2011. Through this system, more detailed performance measures will be collected about the many excellent programs that receive funding through the agency. Completion of the project is expected to take 120 days from the start of work in mid-January.

From a programmatic perspective, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) efforts are advancing rapidly. In this issue of *Inside CJI*, you can read more about how the work of both the Youth division and the Center for Criminal Justice Research is beginning to shape the dialogue in both of these areas. As of early December 2010, DMC data had been collected from 51 of 92 Indiana counties, establishing an excellent starting point for the examination of disproportionate minority contact in the state of Indiana.

As the state's criminal justice planning agency, ICJI continues to watch for innovation and leadership that signals best practices in

Indiana criminal justice. Staff recently observed the work of Judges Charles F. Pratt and Stephen Sims in Allen County for just this reason. With a system that relies on extensive assessment, wide-ranging educational services, alternatives to detention and family involvement, the county has significantly reduced its juvenile detention population. In the next 30 days, ICJI researchers will be spending time in the jurisdiction to learn more about the philosophy and practices behind the county's juvenile courts.

In other notes, ICJI's Traffic Safety division (TSD) has recently achieved international notoriety for the agency. By now, many of you have probably seen the commercials featuring 2006 MotoGP Champion, Nicky Hayden. Initiated by Traffic Safety staff member, Dan Jeffries, Hayden's involvement was the important first step in the creation of an Indiana-specific, statewide, media campaign for motorcycle safety. Earlier this year, the Communications division submitted a number of print and broadcast materials to the International Media Awards Competition for consideration. With submissions from across the globe, including the European Union, Australia, Austria, New Zealand, Canada and the Middle East, the TSD garnered a Bronze Award in the audio category and Honorable Mentions in both the Ultra Short Video and Print categories.

Overall, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute staff has worked diligently throughout 2010 to help organizations across the state deliver the best in criminal justice programming to Indiana residents.

As we bring in the new year, we too will count our many blessings and look forward to a prosperous 2011.

Sincerely,

T. Neil Moore
Executive Director

Victims Comp Adds New Position

ICJI's Victims Comp area has grown considerably over the past year. The newest addition is a full time Recovery and Restitution Analyst to the staff.

This is just one of many changes recently made to the agency's Victims Services area in an effort to better meet the needs of Indiana victims.

Drug & Crime Staff Stays Busy With Applications, Trainings

The Drug & Crime division recently completed the review of their 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) applications. A total of 230 applications were received for this year's grant cycle, with requests totaling approximately \$20 million. Applicants were notified of funding decisions in mid-December.

The division also co-hosted a State & Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) program in Mount Vernon December 14-15.

Agency Supports National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

When it comes to easy access to a quick high, many turn not to deals on the street, but the medicine cabinets of friends and family. Prescription drug abuse is a growing national epidemic. In an effort to encourage Hoosiers to properly destroy potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, ICJI joined with the Indiana Attorney General's office, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Indiana State Police to kick off National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.



ICJI Executive Director, T. Neil Moore joins Indiana Attorney General, Greg Zoeller to announce National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in September.

Funding Announcements

Look for the new STOP and VOCA grant solicitation this January.

2011 JABG Applications Now Available

For more information on the latest Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, visit the ICJI homepage for a link. Applications are due January 16.

"Nothing is to be preferred before justice." - Socrates

Indiana Traffic Safety Goes High Tech

ICJI's Traffic Safety division (TSD) recently launched a Facebook page aimed at educating Hoosiers about traffic safety.

The "Indiana Traffic Safety," page provides information to the public on everything from changes in the state's traffic safety laws to relevant community events like child safety seat clinics and teen driving seminars.

Visitors will also find links to traffic safety partners like the Indiana State Police and Indiana Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), information on upcoming enforcement activities and media campaigns, and traffic safety funding opportunities throughout the year.

The primary focus of the page will be to educate young drivers and their parents about the importance of safe driving and Indiana Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) Requirements. Research has shown that teens are disproportionately represented in Indiana collisions. By utilizing social networking, the TSD can directly connect with younger drivers through their most widely used form of communication.

Facebook also allows the division to connect with traffic safety partners from across the state and provide educational resources to the general driving public.



Next on the agenda: a traffic safety Twitter page. Be on the lookout for the "Traffic Safety Tip of the Day."

Division Efforts Help Change Face Of Juvenile Justice Programs

ICJI's Youth division has been quite busy since the last newsletter. In addition to awarding Safe Haven grants to nearly 60 school corporations, the division has also granted approximately 25 Title II Formula awards Indiana youth-serving organizations throughout the state.

The division has also been a part of two projects that have the potential to transform Indiana's juvenile justice system. In order to remain in compliance at the federal level, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) required Indiana to collect DMC data for each of its 92 counties. The Center for Criminal Justice Research (CCJR) was chosen as the contractor in the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) data collection project. Their work to gather the necessary information is ongoing. Once completed, the findings will be submitted to OJJDP and used to make future funding decisions for the state.

The statewide expansion of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI) is now underway. Partnering with the Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana, the division has begun to work closely with each of the three original jurisdictions (Lake, Porter and Tippecanoe Counties) chosen for the first phase of the expansion. It was decided that ICJI would share lead agency responsibilities for the expansion of this project with the Indiana Supreme Court and the Indiana Department of Correction. Agency heads are meeting regularly in an effort to guide the steering committee on systematic expansion of the JDAI statewide. In October, Elkhart, Johnson, Howard and Clark counties were added to the JDAI expansion and are scheduled to roll out during the second phase. The Youth division continues to work closely with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to ensure fidelity to their model, and hopes to partner with the W. Haywood Burns Institute to assist local jurisdictions with addressing racial disparities. A statewide JDAI kickoff event is tentatively being planned for March 2011.

Division Supports Youth Initiatives Through Partnership

ICJI's Youth division recently joined with the Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) for the "Kids Count in Indiana" Conference at the Indiana Convention Center.

The annual event, geared towards the state's youth service providers, hosts special seminars and workshops designed to help them better address the needs of young Hoosiers.



Youth Team Continues Growth With New Staff Assignments

All in an effort to better serve the needs of Indiana's young people, the Youth division welcomed new Safe Haven Program Manager, Stephanie Edwards, to its team in October.

Former Safe Haven manager, Kim Snyder, now serves as the Program Manager for the Title II, Title V and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) awards.

Research Division Moves Forward On Projects in Last Quarter

The Research and Planning division has moved forward in several areas during the last few months. First, the first of its kind, statewide victimization survey is nearing completion. The division has worked closely in conjunction with the Center for Criminal Justice Research (CCJR) at IUPUI regarding a partnership to review the survey and make it ready for implementation. It's hoped that the survey will soon move on to the vendor for administration by the first of the year.

The partnership between ICJI and CCJR (mentioned in the last newsletter) is also again gaining momentum. A key funding decision by one of the agency's

federal partners, has made it possible to move forward with seeking state approval.

This collaboration will ultimately assist ICJI in selecting areas for grant funding that have demonstrated the greatest potential for success. The implementation of this strategy will mark the beginning of a truly evidenced-based approach to grant funding agency-wide.

Lastly, each member of the

Research division recently attended the Bureau of Justice Statistics/ Justice Research and Statistic Association Annual Conference in Portland, ME. The conference brings together state Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) personnel from across the country, as well as a number of federal partners, including the Bureau of Justice Statistics and Office of Justice Programs, to discuss emerging trends, problems, issues and solutions related to all aspects of the justice field.



ICJI HAPPENINGS

Executive Director Moore and staff from ICJI's the Victims Services division attended the 5th Annual Latino Coalition Against Domestic Violence annual statewide conference last fall.

The 2010 theme was *Breaking the Cycle of Global Violence: Connecting Immigrant Communities*.